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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number 09/202,336

Filing Date December 14, 1998

First Named Inventor: Erland Wittkotter

Art Unit: 3621

Examiner Name: Firmin Backer

Confirmation No.: 2766

Attorney Docket No. 047347/259568

This is a request for **Continued Examination (RCE)** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

December 29, 2004

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - ii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed
- i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); \_\_\_\_\_ of cites listed on PTO Form 1449
  - iv.  Other - Petition for Extension of Time

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other

In re: Erland Wittkotter

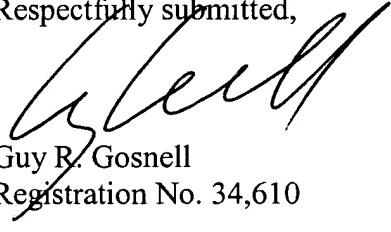
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3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
(\$790.00 large entity; \$395.00 small entity)
  - ii.  Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other
- b.  Checks in the amounts of \$395.00 + \$1,080.00 are enclosed

Respectfully submitted,



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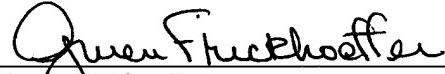
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